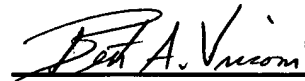


REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that this patent application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable action is respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 24. This sheet, which includes Figures 24-25 replaces the original sheet including Figures 24-25. In Figure 24, previously omitted element 228 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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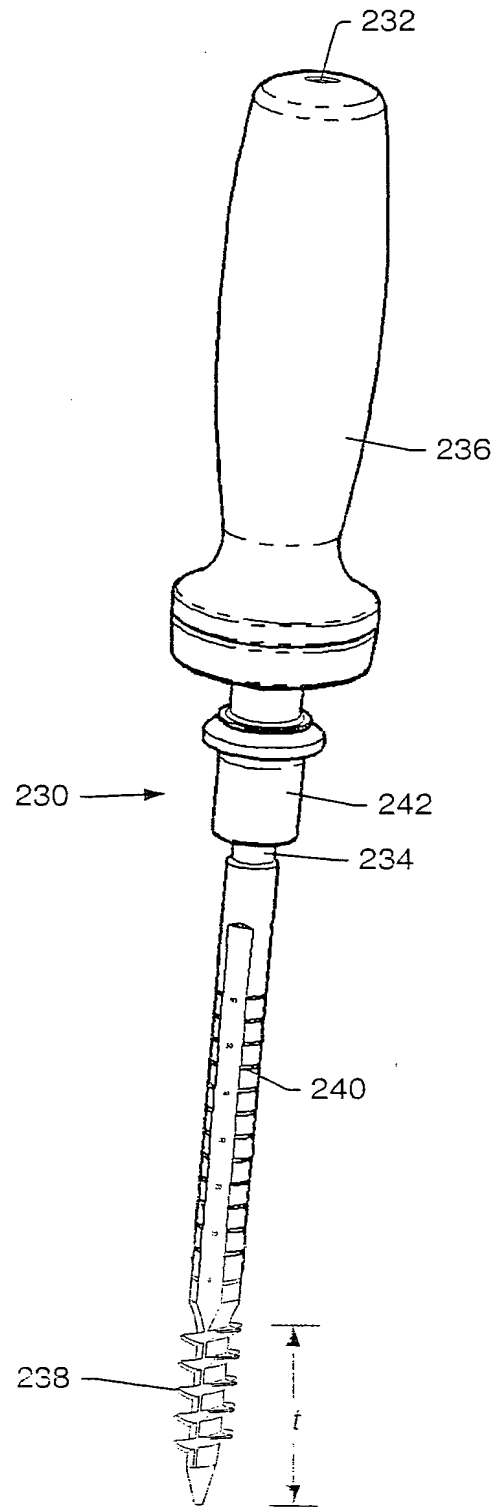
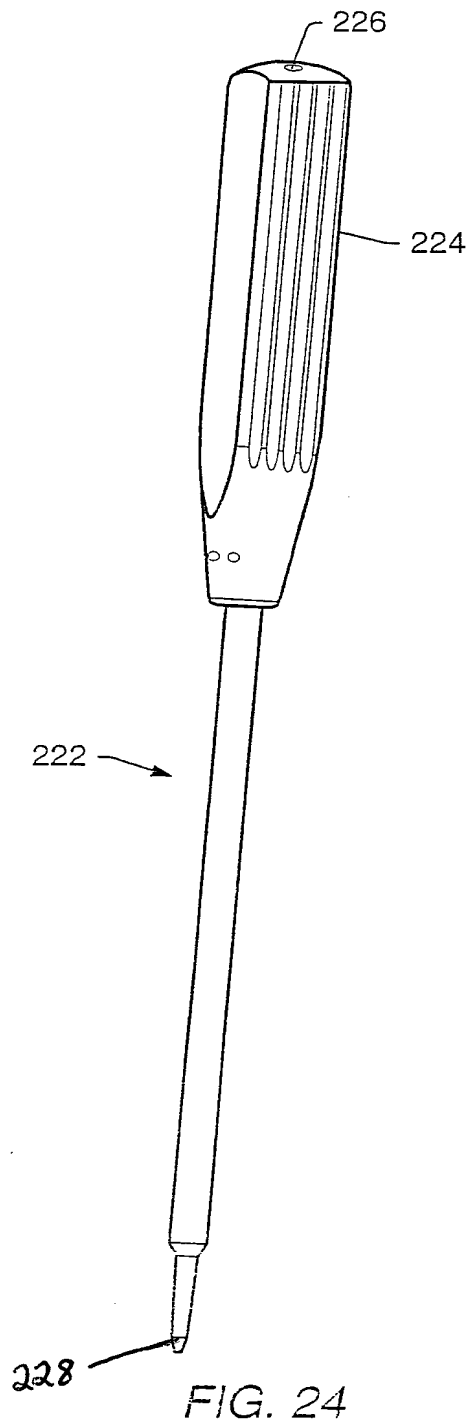


FIG. 25